

House Resolution No. 207

Whereas, it is with tremendous appreciation and deep gratitude that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives note the Tenth Anniversary of the founding of Habitat for Humanity Northland in the Kansas City metropolitan area; and

Whereas, Habitat for Humanity Northland is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization which works to eliminate substandard housing and to promote community by building affordable, decent houses in partnership with God's people in need and with the Kansas City Northland community; and

Whereas, during its ten years of existence, Habitat for Humanity Northland has completed thirty homes through the cooperative efforts of thousands of Northland residents and hundreds of Northland organizations and businesses; and

Whereas, more than 120,000 volunteer hours directed by Habitat for Humanity Northland have created nearly \$2.5 million in Clay County and Platte County housing located in the communities of Excelsior Springs, Kansas City, Liberty, and Riverside and near the town of Ferrelview; and

Whereas, Habitat for Humanity Northland visionary activities have made available more than 120,000 nights of decent housing to the forty-two adults and eighty-four children who are now proud new homeowners; and

Whereas, after partner homeowners work side-by-side with volunteers to construct homes, put in a minimum of three hundred hours of "sweat equity", and complete a homeowners course, Habitat for Humanity Northland sells the homes to the participating, very-low-income families for the cost of materials, at no profit, and with no interest; and

Whereas, mortgage payments made by partner homeowners go to Habitat for Humanity Northland to be recycled into the building of future homes for additional families in need:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar history of Habitat for Humanity Northland and to convey hearty congratulations and best wishes to all of those involved in celebratory festivities regarding the organization's decade of unparalleled service to those in need; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Tenth Anniversary of the establishment of Habitat for Humanity Northland.

Offered by Representative Trent Skaggs, Dist. No. 31
Representative Philip Willoughby, Dist. No. 33
Representative Daniel Bishop, Dist. No. 38
Representative Annie Reinhart, Dist. No. 34

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 207, adopted January 30, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker